

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A communication device comprising:
a communication device body adapted for a first mode of operation;
a display screen disposed in a generally parallel relationship with the device body in the first mode of operation; and

pivoting means disposed between the display screen and the device body for permitting the display screen to pivot into a position generally orthogonal to the device body for a second mode of operation;

wherein the action of pivoting the display screen from the generally parallel relationship with the device body into the position generally orthogonal to the device body switches the communication device from the first mode of operation into the second mode of operation.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the second mode of operation comprises gaming and the device further comprises a gaming pad disposed on the communication device body and beneath the display screen.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad is hidden when the communication device is in the first mode of operation and the gaming pad is visible when the communication device is in the second mode of operation.

4. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad is actuated during the second mode of operation.

5. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad comprises directional arrows.

6. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad comprises a plurality of buttons.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6, wherein at least one of the plurality of buttons is a pause button.

8. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad comprises a joystick.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the pivoting means comprises a hinge.

10. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a key array, the key array including a plurality of keys.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys is actuated during the second mode of operation.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the at least one of the plurality of keys actuated during the second mode of operation includes an additional indicia.

13. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the pivoting means is oriented as a protrusion for sliding in a track.

14. (Currently amended) A method of operating a communication device in a first mode and a second mode, the method comprising the steps of:

rotating a pivotal upper portion of the communication device to end the first mode and begin into the second mode;

actuating specific keys of the communication device for receiving user input;
and

rotating the pivotal upper portion ~~into~~ to begin the first mode and to end the second mode.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the first mode of operation is telecommunication and the method further comprises the steps of:

determining whether the communication device is receiving an incoming call;
and

alerting a user of the incoming call.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of alerting the user comprises the steps of:

alerting the user via at least one of an audio, visual, and tactile alert; and
pausing the second mode.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein if the user determines not to answer the incoming call, then the second mode is unpaused.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of answering the incoming call by rotating the pivotal upper portion to begin ~~into~~ the first mode.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of actuating specific keys comprises the steps of:

actuating a gaming pad; and

actuating at least one key in a key array.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the second mode is a gaming mode.

22. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the second mode is a messaging mode.

23. (Currently amended) A communication device comprising:
a communication device body in a first position adapted for a first mode of operation;

a display screen disposed in a generally parallel relationship with the device body in the first mode of operation;

pivoting means disposed between the display screen and the device body for permitting the display screen to pivot into a second position for a second mode of operation; ~~and~~

wherein in the first mode of operation, keys of the communication device are located on one side of the display screen and in the second mode of operation, keys of the communication device are located on at least two sides of the display screen; and

wherein the act of moving the display screen between the first and second positions switches between corresponding first and second modes of operation.

24. (Original) The communication device of claim 23, wherein the first mode is a communication mode.

25. (Original) The communication device of claim 23, wherein the second mode is a gaming mode.

26. (Original) The communication device of claim 23, wherein the second mode is a messaging mode.

27. (Original) The communication device of claim 23, further comprising a gaming pad disposed on the communication device body and beneath the display screen.

28. (Original) The communication device of claim 27, wherein the gaming pad is hidden when the communication device is in the first mode of operation and the gaming pad is visible when the communication device is in the second mode of operation.

29. (Currently amended) A communication device comprising:
a communication device body in a first position adapted for a first mode of operation;

a display screen disposed in a generally parallel relationship with the device body in the first mode of operation;

pivoting means disposed between the display screen and the device body for permitting the display screen to pivot into a second position for a second mode of operation; ~~and~~

wherein in the first mode of operation, the communication device is operable by one hand of a user and in the second mode of operation, the communication device is operable by two hands of a user; and

wherein the act of moving the display screen between the first and second positions switches between corresponding modes of operation.

30. (Original) The communication device of claim 29, wherein the first mode is a communication mode.

31. (Original) The communication device of claim 29, wherein the second mode is a gaming mode.

32. (Original) The communication device of claim 29, wherein the second mode is a messaging mode.

33. (Original) The communication device of claim 29, further comprising a gaming pad disposed on the communication device body and beneath the display screen.

34. (Original) The communication device of claim 33, wherein the gaming pad is hidden when the communication device is in the first mode of operation and the gaming pad is visible when the communication device is in the second mode of operation.